

Veterans Day And Thanksgiving Day

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- 1. We will celebrate two special holidays in November: Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day. On Veterans Day we pay tribute to the courage and commitment of those who have served in the Armed Forces. Thanksgiving Day provides an opportunity to give thanks for our blessing of freedom and to gather with family and friends.
- 2. November is also the "traditional" beginning of the winter season which brings new challenges. It brings hazardous driving conditions such as fog, black ice, and fewer hours of daylight. These conditions, combined with roads crowded with holiday travelers, increase the likelihood of accidents.
- 3. Those that will be traveling over the holidays should consider these factors when making their travel plans and ensure they allow themselves enough time to reach their destinations safely. Commanders and Leaders, you can make a difference by ensuring we conduct "Under the Oak Tree Counseling" and making composite risk management a top priority. You must also take every opportunity to integrate our FRGs and families into the pre-holiday safety activities.
- 4. As you celebrate the season take care of one another and remain vigilant to the increased dangers that surround us. Soldiers who redeploy are especially at risk. Please reach out to the families of deployed personnel, those who will be alone over the holidays, and especially to those who need assistance. What better gift can you give this holiday season.
- 5. Thank you for your support.

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